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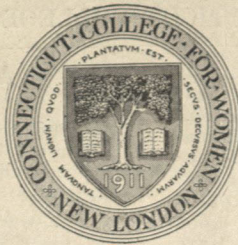
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## THE THIRTEENTH GREATEST OF CENTURIES

The gymnasium was crowded to its utmost capacity last Tuesday, when Dr. James J. Walsh of Fordham University delivered an address on the Thirteenth, the Greatest of Centuries. Dr. Walsh gave several reasons why he considered this century the greatest of all but he said first of all that to most people this idea would appear so preposterous that they might not even care to consider it. However, this attitude of mind will yield at once if it is recalled that the thirteenth is the century of the Gothic cathedrals which represent a development in the arts that has never been equaled by any century either before or since. In this century we have the foundation of the university which was a definite creation of these generations and which has maintained its usefulness practically in the same form in which it was then cast for the seven centuries ever since. At this time we have the signing of the Magna Charta and the origin of representative government, which are the foundation stones of modern liberties. Just before the century opened great rulers died at the height of their influence. They were Frederick Barbarossa, Saladin, and Richard Coeur de Lion. They found but a suggestion prelude of what was to come in the following century when such great monarchs as St. Louis of France, St. Ferdinand of Spain, Fred II. of Germany, Rudolph of Hapsburg, and Robert Bruce occupied the thrones of Europe together with such wonderful churchmen as St. Francis and St. Dominic and such magnificent women as St. Clare of Assisi and St. Elizabeth of Hungary. There were the artists Gaddi, Cinabre, and Giotto, and the literary men who were the authors of the Arthur Legends and the Nibelungen, the Meister singers, the Troubadours and Trouveres and above all Dante who is universally considered now to be one of the greatest literary men of all times.

These are a few of the many reasons which Dr. Walsh gave for his great belief in the Thirteenth Century and it was a great privilege and pleasure for his audience to hear him. R. F. D. '20

## WANTED 6,600 WORDS

The Sophomore Class is going to put out a special issue of the News for the Hop. JOKES AND HUMOROUS ARTICLES ARE NEEDED!

Sophomores and Seniors! Write something that will amuse not only us, but the guests who will be on campus for the Hop.

Juniors and Freshmen! If you have clever and original ideas for this issue, let the Class of 1922 know about them.

EACH AND EVERYONE! Go into seclusion! Burn the midnight oil! Put on your thinking caps!

6,600 words of wisdom and humor must be in the hands of M. P. Taylor, '22 before 8 A. M. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

## FRESHMAN ELECTIONS

The Freshmen elections took place on Wednesday, November fifth. The class of nineteen twenty-three had many able candidates for all the offices and only with difficulty was a selection made. From among several candidates Julia Warner of Naugatuck, Connecticut was chosen president. Miss Warner is a girl with personal charm and executive ability. Every one is agreed that she will fill her position admirably. After the many cheers and congratulations subsided the Student Government President Helen Perry '20, turned the meeting over to the newly elected president.

The offices of vice-president, treasurer and secretary were then filled respectively by Dorothy Randle, Emily Slaymaker, and Alice Holcomb. Caroline Francke was elected class historian; Helen Hemingway was chosen chairman of the social committee, and Mary Lambeth Ragsdale, chairman of the decorating committee. The meeting was so enthusiastic and started out so well, that the other classes are looking to the class of 1923 for the accomplishment of many big things under the guidance and leadership of the splendid officers it has chosen.

## GALA DAY FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Saturday, November eighth at 1:30 P. M. the hockey field became crowded with excited chattering girls all waiting anxiously for the inter-class hockey games to be played.

The excitement started off with the Juniors and Seniors who battled hard and well to make a goal. The first goal was made by the Seniors and loud cheers arose on the part of the Sophomores and Seniors. The game was a very pretty one and was won by the Juniors 3-2. L. Batchelder made some spectacular goals for the Juniors. The team work on both sides, however, was very good and afforded very pretty games.

Next in line were the Freshmen and Sophomores. They also had good team work. A penalty bully was played in this game, a thing which rarely occurs. The advantage went to the Sophomore team when H. Coops shot the goal. The score resulted in 5-1 in favor of the Sophomores. '20

## DESHON-MOSIER GET TOGETHER

Several weeks ago the Freshmen were urged to attend the Sykes Memorial dance, for it would probably be the only "man" dance they would be able to attend all year. However at that time the Deshon-Mosier party was not scheduled. On Saturday evening, November eighth, "gentlemen" and ladies from both houses repaired to the gymnasium where they danced and dined on doughnuts and cider until the late hour of ten o'clock.

## 1920 ENTERTAINS 1923

Children in these days grow very large. At least one might have thought so Friday evening in the gymnasium. There the little girls with their hair ribbon and short skirts and the small boys in knickerbockers were occasionally rather lengthy of limb but not too old to enjoy the festivities. When the children entered the room they were met by kindly, though somewhat stern, nurses and plotted about to see the beautiful dolls over which they shrieked in delight. Then came a peanut hunt which excited them so that they were ordered to sit quietly while Grandma told them some stories. As Grandma, a delightful old lady with silvery hair, told each story the various characters appeared. First she introduced her little granddaughter as "Innocence" and then followed Jack and Jill, Mary Quite Contrary, Mother Hubbard, (with an extraordinarily well-fed dog) Jack-in-the-box, the three bears and a host of other well-known persons from stories and rhymes. After the story hour was over more games were played, and the Freshmen left the Seniors' Goo-Goo party sleepy but happy. C. F. '23

## "LOST AND FOUND"

This is not an agency for advertising strayed goods, but merely a means of telling you that "Pep" has come back to 1920 after a sojourn in a foreign country (U. S. Submarine Base) for five days. Thanks to the kindness of Major R. S. Kingsbury and Sergeant Tripp, he was triumphantly escorted to Connecticut College, on Friday the seventh of November, in a military despatch machine, with an armed guard of marines in attendance.

We are interested to find that military life has already put its stamp on Pep. He has learned two new tunes of agony—reveille and taps and these he renders with systematic regularity. However, we are going to take him to all the community sings and maybe the voice training will be beneficial. We are certainly glad to have him back again and 1920 is very grateful to its two friends across the river. A. G. H. '20

## SENIOR SING

"Better late than never" is the motto of the Senior Class. Every Thursday night, when the moon has been scheduled to appear round and bright, it has rained. The announcement is made that "Seniors will not sing tonight" and all wait patiently for the elements to show some pity. In order to get in their sing and play a little joke on the weather at the same time the officers of 1920 planned to have it on Saturday night instead. It took place at ten o'clock and was a bright as day. All the classes came out in large numbers and the sing was a big success due to both the quantity and quality of voices.

## THE RED CROSS DRIVE

### ON CAMPUS

The appeal of the Red Cross has come to the campus, and Connecticut College has joined in answer to the Annual Roll call. The American Red Cross offers this year a big, new program—1920 will be a year of completions and beginnings, terminating the old, developing the new. The former is chiefly a foreign operation, the latter mainly a domestic venture. Therefore, in order both to carry on abroad and to serve at home, the Red Cross needs sufficient funds to meet the immediate necessities for completing its war program and for starting future work. This requires the sincere, real help of both people and money in this master-problem of civilization—the upbuilding processes of peace.

And so during this nation-wide campaign, Connecticut College as a unit, has responded by a complete, systematic two-day drive. No one can doubt our enthusiasm after hearing our four "stamp-speakers": Hoover, Smith, Hartman and Davies, and the pleas of the Red Cross workers who appealed to every campus girl, commuter, member of the faculty and college employee. The drive started on Wednesday morning with the appearance of many brightly colored flashing posters, pins and stickers and a short talk by President Marshall in chapel. On Thursday night returns were in, and it was announced that about 95 per cent of the college had enrolled and at least \$200 is in the hands of Dorothy Hoover, the general campaign manager.

## THE EX-RAYS

The Freshmen living at the following houses, Higgins, Gray, Lee, Saxton, and Comstock, have united and declared themselves the Ex-rays, this distinctive title having been evolved by choosing a letter from the names of each one of the houses. Their motto is, "You can see us, but not through us." Wednesday evening, November fifth, officers were elected as follows:

President, Mary Lagenbacher;

Secretary, Eleanor Whitten;

Treasurer, Rachel T'ffany.

Chairman of Entertainment Committee, Michaelina Namovitch.

Thursday evening, November sixth the members met at Higgins House and planned a series of deeds which are warranted to surprise everyone and win approbation for this newest organization on campus. An unusual entertainment is planned for the very near future, to which everybody will be invited.

M. M. N. '23



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## Breadth Versus Depth

Young as Connecticut College is, the spirit of our campus is something of which we may be rightfully proud. It is not an intangible, illusive will-o'-the-wisp, but is rather a vital force uniting us all in a common bond of fellowship. It is the spirit of democracy and of unselfish service, of vigorous, wholesome enthusiasm for the finest kind of work and play, of worthy aspiration toward splendid ideals.

Optimism, which is by no means of the soft, shilly-shallying Pollyanna glad type, is of the very warp and woof of our lives. It is the sort of optimism which gives us courage to look difficulties and evils squarely in the face with the conviction that they can be overcome, and the moral strength to struggle with them until the victory is ours. Whenever there is a hard task to be accomplished we spend no time in whimpering and telling each other that it can't be done; we just "tackle the thing and we do it."

When heavy demands are made upon our generosity we measure up to them, not infrequently at the cost of personal convenience. And we do it with a smile that proclaims us cheerful givers.

But it is easy to forget that it is not always the spectacular or the difficult thing which is of primary importance. There are the numerous details of everyday life, humdrum as they appear at times, which after all largely determine what we really are; whether we are to be counted among

the world's successes or among its failures. Everyone recognizes that these details are only means to an end but of what significance can the end be, if the means by which it is reached are neglected? It is just here that we are in danger of falling short of the ideal. We can be depended upon to do the heroic thing nobly, but are we as a group of young women, reliable, when it comes to the smaller bits of just plain routine existence? We promise the chairman of a committee that we will be at her meeting; then something happens which causes us to forget the appointment or to substitute another in its place. A professor asks us to prepare a careful report for a certain class. When we arrive at the appointed hour our general idea of the subject seems fairly good if somewhat hazy, upon questioning our actual knowledge of which is common to practically all it is almost nil. It is hard to ascertain just how common to practically all of us. Perhaps it is because we fill both our academic and non-academic schedules to the brim, beyond the power of mental ability or physical endurance to fulfill the requirements of each part of the program. Possibly it is because our interests are so diversified that there is opportunity for only a general knowledge of all and a specific understanding of none. In striving for breadth of attainment, there is the peril of failing to acquire depth. Whatever the reason for our lack of reliability concerning the smaller matters of our college life, it is something which must be overcome. We do not want it said of the Connecticut College girl that she is generous high-minded, and willing to work but not thoroughly dependable in all things. It is for us to remove this flaw so that the spirit of our campus may never stand for anything short of the best.

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## Free Speech

The editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions and statements expressed in this column.

To the Editor:

At a meeting of the Athletic Association on October 30th, the President suggested that the matter of associate membership should be thought over by the members, and be voted upon at the next meeting.

It seems to me that this would be a good idea. There are a great many girls in the Association who do not play on teams, who are interested in athletics, and who want to pay for its upkeep, but do not feel that they have the time to attend the four regular meetings and the numerous special meetings as faithfully as they should nor do these girls wish to pay the fines which they incur by absences.

Connecticut College has quite as many student organizations as have the larger colleges. Naturally a girl cannot give her time to every organization or be an active member of each. She selects a few more than she would were she in a larger college, and she is active in these few. Don't exclude this girl from the A. A., but rather be glad that she will give her support, and welcome her to the Association.

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## Council Notes

The secretary of each student organization is requested to report to the secretary of Student Government the membership and the financial standing of her organization on before the second week in November.

## A Short Cut

Reading is one of the noblest of the arts, the medium by which there come to us the loftiest inspirations, the highest ideals, the purest feelings that have been allowed mankind. It extends observations indefinitely, while it stimulates, nourishes, and corrects thought. Through reading, knowledge is made stimulative, so that one generation builds upon the foundations of the preceding. It is not its intellect alone that renders the modern world superior to antiquity, but its intellect plus the heritage of two thousand years of thought and discovery transmitted to it through books. Reading for culture is by no means a mere pastime. We may make serious work of it; yet there is probably no other use of books that, to the active mind, is so free from drudgery, or brings such constant enjoyment. It remains one of the greatest, perhaps the greatest, means of attaining that clearness of mental vision which should characterize the educated man. Cultural reading, then, is that which trains the taste and sympathies to appreciate the noblest that man has expressed in literature and art during the long experience of the race. Such culture is the best fortification a young person can have, and, unless the foundations for this culture are laid early in life, they are not likely to be laid at all.

A book is a short cut into thought a secret alley toward the dreamland into which our minds are led when searching for adventure, when craving solitude, or when hungering for companionship. It not only represents, it actually presents the living force of the master spirits of the world.

The library is our medium of contact with this intellectual life about us and before us. An organized collection of books is a miniature model of the universe, and might be considered the core or foundation of a college or university. The library is indispensable, as the center of institutional activity. It is intended to meet the wants of those who are being awakened to the magnitude of the world, and are anxious to find their way among facts which are still a confused medley. It is a quiet flow of knowledge without which the university and, indeed, the world at large would be in the dark. Participation in knowledge is the condition of its enlargement, and as we cease to partake in wisdom we shall cease to bestow it.

E. S. P. '20

## The Wanderings of Pep

Dear Seniors and the rest of the collegiate body;

As I can't see all of you to tell you about my wonderful travels I thought I'd write a letter to the News and tell you about them. First, I must tell you how I happened to get the idea of travelling. I went into New London Hall one day and heard a class discussing the wanderings of Ulysses. All of his exciting adventures seemed very wonderful to me and I decided then and there to go sight seeing also. Of course, I hated to leave you girls but I knew it would only be for a short time.

With one last longing look at the "grey walls on the hilltop," I right-faced and sped down Mohegan Avenue. Soon the lovely green fields and woodchuck's tracks disappeared and in their place came many, many houses so close together that they could rub noses. A great many little children were playing in the streets. Suddenly, a huge automobile came running right toward a little child. I ran out, took the little girl's dress

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## Alaska

You will know the land when you reach its shores. You will recognize the Power, Lure and Romance which it exhales, and will allow it to permeate your spirit. Its Power lies in its wholesome bearing, its unadulterated past, and its vibrant hope for the future. Its Lure brings many thousands to those icy cliffs, draws them on over mighty and treacherous passes into the heart of the land—and holds them there. Then come those golden summer months when Daylight cannot bear to say goodbye, bidding a long and glorious farewell on towards midnight, only to return but an hour later and cast its rainbow rays over all! The rivers sing, the green hills revel in summer gladness, while austere sentinels of ice and snow contribute their share and send gushing streams well-mell over cliffs into rocky valleys below; while the caribou, moose, fox and deer come to their own in the land of the midnight sun.

"How now?" says the traveler, as he glides down the Arctic's Mighty River, ever winding, ever turning, seemingly so calm, and in truth so malevolent. Untold treasures lie in secret wait along these shores, tempting the adventurer, yet mocking his search. And while he is there the autumn winds, followed shortly by winter gales, hold him fast. Nor will they let him go for many long, dark months. Night is day and day is night. A dreary and lonely life is his, that first long night, but when Spring heralds once more through the land our "Sourdough" has sensed the "inside" and the Lure has him.

You ask where is the Romance? It is there in every rock, on every summit, in every vale. Each living thing which braves the winter snows exhales a Romance until you are filled with it. Romance has its million forms. It often appears in an iceberg, floats into the deep blue ocean, beckons and bids you enter the Inlet, and pay homage to its mother—the mighty Glacier. Romance is in the daily communion 'twixt living things and Nature—Nature in its grandest form, Nature untouched. Verily they are mountains of the moon, and reflect a perfect image in molten ice so greenish blue. For as Nature is honest and truthful, so are the people whose Life and World is Alaska. Their Romance is the Romance of the land.

That is Alaska as I have felt it to be. Will you know the land when you reach its shores?

L. N. P. '20.

## Cast For "Her Husband's Wife"

The regular meeting of the Dramatic Club was held Wednesday night in the gymnasium. After Edith Lindholm had read a paper on Lady Gregory, a brief summary of her life and works—Mary Hester's group read one of Lady Gregory's plays "Spreading the News" showing the trouble caused by gossip in a small town. The parts were taken as follows:

Mrs. Fallon, Evelyn Gray; Barkley Fallon, Helen Barkerding; Tim Casey, Elizabeth Moyle; John Smith, Marguerite Lowenstein; Magistrate, Helen Perry; Mrs. Tully, Dorothy Hubbard; Mrs. Tarpey, Gertrude Traurig; and Joe Muldron, Mary Hester.

After the meeting, tryouts were held for the play to be given December thirteenth, "Her Husband's Wife" by A. J. Thomas, and the following cast was selected: Irene Stuart, Marjorie Carlson; Miss Emily Ladew, Evelyn Gray; John Berden, Helen Perry; Stuart, Elizabeth Moyle; Richard Berden, Mary Hester; Nora, a servant, Anita Greenbaum.

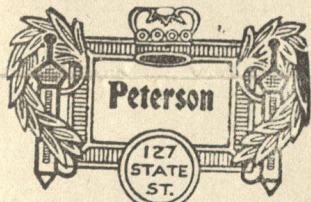


## Current Events

Perhaps the most important day this past week, was November fourth, Election Day. Then, in different states three different issues were fought. Should the people of Massachusetts uphold law and order by re-electing Governor Coolidge or uphold Long who supported the striking policemen in their revolutionary measures? Long promised to reinstate them if he were elected governor. Coolidge was re-elected by a large plurality. The New York Times asserts that "this was the cardinal outcome." President Wilson sent to Governor Coolidge a telegram of congratulation. This is probably the first time "that a President had congratulated a candidate of the opposite party on his election to office."

In Kentucky the election of Morron as Governor, the Republicans contend was merely a protest against "bad" government due to state issues alone not to any attitude in regards the League of Nations, nor to President Wilson's letter concerning the coal strike.

Another interesting feature in the election is the fact that three women won seats in New York Assembly.



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## Campus Notes

## President Marshall Speaks.

President Marshall spoke Sunday, November ninth, at Phillips Exeter Academy.

## Convocation Hours.

The Service League has secured the following speakers for November: November 11—Emma Hirth—Bureau of Vocational Information.

"The Immediate Opportunities for Women in Various Activities—7.30 P. M. Conferences.

November 18—John Cowper Powys English Poet, Essayist, Critic.

"Landmarks of Modern Literature 7.30 P. M. Lecture and Conferences.

November 25—Jefferson B. Harbour Lecturer and Humorist.

"Blessed be Humor!"

## Announcement of Late Player.

On Thursday evening, November thirteenth, Connecticut College will have the pleasure of listening to Thomas Wilfred, the distinguished, dramatic interpreter of folk songs, and player of the arch-lute.

## League of Nations

To many it may be a startling statement that there is this very day a League of Nations in the world and that the United States after having proposed it at the Peace Treaty Council, is not yet a member! Reference is not made to the old Hague Conference, was more indefinite in the minds of most people, but to a real League of Nations with England, France, Italy, and Japan as leaders, and the interests of many small nations involved. By the signing of the Peace Treaty, nations become members of the League.

## Miners Strike

Mr. Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor declares that a speedy and satisfactory end to the strike is possible if the injunction placed by the government at Washington forbidding the officials of the United Mine Workers from interfering with the production or transportation of bituminous coal should be vacated. Gompers is most anxious to end the strike and is backed by John L. Lewis, Acting President of the United Mine Workers of America, the latter, in a recent statement, declared the miners ready to resume negotiations if the restraining order should be removed. This injunction has aroused the workers and has seemingly made them more determined than ever to demand their rights.

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## News of Other Colleges

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In the "Public Opinion Column" we find a criticism of the custom of having candidates for class officers appear upon the platform. The criticism is based upon the fact that the average college student is not sufficiently expert in character-study to judge of a girl's efficiency at one glance.

## The Wanderings of Pep

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in my teeth and dragged her away just in the nick of time. I'll admit that was just about as exciting an adventure as I ever care to have. In fact, I had to leave part of my new winter coat under the wheels of that huge monster.

By this time I was in the center of the city. All the rush and hurry of everybody was new to me, I've seen you girls hustling to classes but I've never seen such awful pushing and shoving as there was going on in the stores. Nobody seemed to take any thought for his neighbor's feelings. The wind blew off an old man's hat. Everybody pushed and pulled so much that the poor gentleman couldn't get it. I ran between the crowding folks feet and rescued the hat. The old gentleman patted me on the head and said "My! but you are a good dog. What is your name?" I proudly answered, "Pep" as well as I could. He gave me something nice to eat; I think it was a lump of sugar but it has been so long since I have tasted any that I'm really not sure whether it was or not.

The day I heard about Ulysses, I learned that he travelled on the water part of the time so I thought I'd do likewise. I got aboard a huge ship I'm sure it must have been an ocean liner. After a very long time it majestically sailed out upon the Thames River. We sailed slowly for a very long time. When we finally landed I heard somebody say we were in Groton. By this time, I was tired of the water and cities because I had lost the scent of all wild animals. I took a nice sandy road, turned my back on Groton and followed my nose just as fast as I could run. I found myself on the river bank again. Soon I was surrounded not by a crowd of girls but by a group of sailor boys. They petted me and made a great fuss about me just as you girls do. I was quite happy that I had come. I was just planning to make a longer

## Mandolin Club

The Mandolin Club held a rehearsal in the gymnasium on Tuesday evening, November the fourth. Twenty-eight members have joined the club this year. Under the leadership of Dorothy Gregson and Isabel Rumney it is certain that the club will fulfill its function as an important feature of our college life.

F. A. H. '23

visit with them when I heard these words come floating over the water: "Where, oh where, has our Pep gone?"

Oh where oh where can he be? With his ears cut short and his tail cut long

Oh where, oh where is he?"

That song made me homesick. In my most polite manner, I begged the sailor lads to take me home.

Thus my first journey into the unknown world ended by being brought safely home again to my guardian Seniors. However, I thoroughly enjoyed my trip. I must say good-bye now, and run and eat my dinner.

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PEP.

By D. M. P. '21

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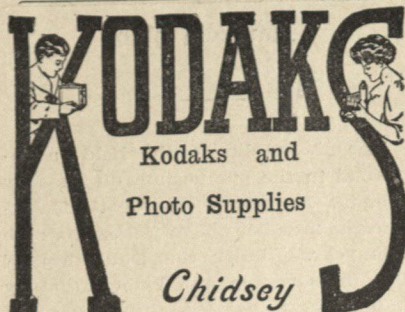
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**Freshmen Play at Early Hour**

The Freshman game between the Blue and White sections took place at 6.15 A. M. last Wednesday morning. Considering the hour there was really quite a crowd of spectators. The both teams were evenly matched, and the game was on the whole very well played. The players kept their positions fairly well. "Sticks" was called a number of times but this is a fault common to beginners. Also, the Freshmen did not seem to be familiar with the line-ups for fouls.

There was a tie 2-2 when time was called. At the suggestion of Miss Blue, the teams played until another goal was scored. This goal was made by the Blue Section.

**Mathematics Club**

The Mathematics Club had a very enjoyable meeting Monday evening, November 3. After the business meeting, Marguerite Paul read a very interesting paper on the Greek mathematician, Euclid. A discussion of the early Greek mathematical work followed. Louise Avery then gave a paper on the mathematical entrance requirements of different colleges. It was found that all the colleges had practically the same requirements, namely; two and one half units of mathematics in high school. Many colleges also require that all freshmen take mathematics. Under the new system of comprehensive examinations, an examination in physics or chemistry could be substituted for the one in mathematics. Dr. Le'b told the club about a new course in mathematics which was being tried out in Dartmouth College this year. One professor lectures to the class for a certain period on some such mathematical subject as the binomial theorem. Then another professor talks upon a different subject. In this way students can obtain knowledge of many branches of the broad subject of mathematics. A general discussion of mathematical problems followed.

Dorothy Pryde, Secretary

**Inter College Conference**

The first inter college conference was held at Mount Holyoke, October 24-25. The discussion was limited to three topics: The entrance examination, the Freshman course in English composition, and the work in debating. The colleges represented were Vassar, Wellesley, and Smith.

Wellesley—The honor system has been positively adopted as a new phase of government.

**Blackstone's New Custom**

Blackstone has established a most interesting and delightful custom. Dean Nye has consented to read every Monday evening for an hour or more, while her listeners sew, crochet, or knit. Those who were present in Blackstone's reception room, Monday night, November third, know just how charmingly Dean Nye can read. Those who had already read Kipling's "Wee Willie Winkie" and "Baa Baa Black-sheep" greatly enjoyed hearing them again. It was decided to read a few short stories from various well-known authors. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these readings on Monday nights and it is certain that they will be a source of great pleasure to those who avail themselves of the privilege.

**Freshman's Bane**

There are times when you resignedly remind yourself that "life is one bloomin' theme after another." You may not say "bloomin'"—you may feel called upon to use an adjective with more depth to it. Be that as it may, that theme must be written.

In the first place, you have had five subjects today. Your unfeeling instructor has demanded in no uncertain tones, a three hundred word theme for the morrow—an expository one at that. You choose beatific forgetfulness until after dinner. A surprise pounces upon you there is to be an evolution of a coon wedding or something of the kind. You smile until nine P. M. Then you remember what you are firmly convinced will be the bane of your career. You wonder whether to attempt the struggle until early morn, or seek the infirmary's oblivion next day. You decide not to perjure your soul so early in the season. You anxiously watch your roommate's brow, knit in mental chaos, to find an idea portrayed in her face. 'Tis hopeless. You cannot write on "Transitional Thought," and thus deceive yourself into thinking that your instructor may think that you know something about thought. (He wouldn't think so, anyway.) In despair you look in on Webster, your unfailing friend, and your avid eye seizes "inspiration! You feel inspired. You write feverishly—three hundred and three words.

Then you sleep the sleep of the innocent. 'Tis well, for nine days later, your "inspiration" returns to you a sadder and wiser theme. Besides the unspeakable member of the alphabet, it holds two cryptic words—"banal," "incoherent"—also, "see me after class." Your naturally sunny disposition begins to gravitate towards incoherence—Finis.

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